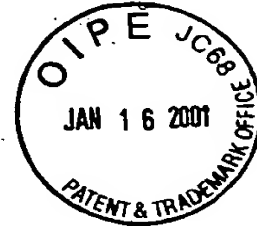


#3

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Attorney Docket No. 016887/1012**

Applicant: Kazuo SASAMA  
Title: AUTO FOCUS MECHANISM IN IMAGE INPUT  
APPARATUS  
Appl. No.: 09/671,152  
Filing Date: September 28, 2000  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned



**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the above-application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 2, line 1, delete "2" and insert --1--.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "Au" and insert --An--.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Line 1, delete "Au" and insert --An--.

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested prior to examination on the merits of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

1/16/01  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Johnny A. Kumar  
Johnny A. Kumar  
Reg. No. 34,649

FOLEY & LARDNER  
3000 K Street, N.W.  
Suite 500  
Washington, D. C. 20007-5109  
(202) 672-5300